



15th November 2019

Farmvention

Next week, every class will be taking part in Farmvention week. Over the course of the week, classes are teaming up in pairs to attempt one of the challenges and all other curriculum work will be linked to the theme. You will find information at <https://www.farmvention.com/>

Thank you to those of you that have volunteered to come in to support or have offered help in other ways. It promises to be a fun week for the children.

On Friday 29th November, there will be an open afternoon which parents are invited to. This will be an opportunity to see what all the children have been doing. The hall will be open in the afternoon from 2pm. A letter will go out later next week as a reminder of the arrangements.

Bad Weather – School Closures

While we are not expecting snow in the next week, it is getting to that time of year when the weather is worse. Over the course of the winter, there may be a chance of snow and this could mean a school closure.

In the event of a school closure, the school will message families on Parent Pay and put a message on the home page of our school website. We will also send a message to Devon County Council to inform them. Please do not ring the school as this blocks the phone line when we need to use it.

Year 6 Residential

Thank you to the families who have completed their final payments for the Spirit of Adventure residential in September. There are still some outstanding payments. We would like all payments to be made by Friday 6th December. Payments can be made on Parent Pay, where you will also find your balance. Please come into school if you would like to discuss this.

Family Groups

This week we had a challenge during celebration assembly. Each of the family groups took part. Ask your child to find out who won 50 Family points!



Clubs

Please sign up for football club, multi-sports club or Stories and Craft Club. This can be done on Parent Pay. If your child is interested in Dance Club, please send in a reply slip and pass it to Miss Alford in Year 2.

Illness

If your child is ill, please ring in each morning to inform the office that your child is not coming to school – not just the first day. It is our duty of care to check on every child who is not in school who we haven't had a message about. This can take up a lot of time for office staff in the mornings so please call before 9:30am. We really appreciate your help with this.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be on Friday 6th December straight after school until 5pm. Every class will be organising a stall and our fantastic FOBS team will be setting up activities for everyone to enjoy and get into the festive spirit.

Year 2 – Parent Meeting and Xmas Fayre

If you would like to arrange a meeting with Miss Alford, please pop into school to speak to her and set a time. She has also asked if children could bring in a glass jar for the Christmas Fayre.

End of Term Disco

The disco will be on Friday 13th December. Details of how to get a ticket will follow in future newsletters but put the date in your diaries!

- Reception and KS1: 5-6pm
- KS2: 6:15-7:15pm

Space Odyssey

The children had a fantastic time this week when the Space Odyssey came into school. It was really exciting getting inside the dome and learning so many new things. Thank you to all those who have paid a contribution to the cost of the dome. Money can still be paid into the school office or on Parent Pay if you haven't yet done so. Parent contributions support the school to put on special events and experiences for the children which we would otherwise not be able to do.



Parent Voice

This week, we had our first Parent Voice meeting. Thank you to those parents that came along. It was a great meeting and I valued the feedback and ideas you shared. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd December at 9am. Please feel free to come along and have a chat about how things are going at Buckfastleigh.

New Children for September 2020

If you know someone who has a child that is due to start school in Reception in September 2020, please tell them to come for a tour of the school. These will be on:

- Wednesday 20th November @ 2pm
- Thursday 28th November @ 1:15pm
- Friday 6th December @ 9:15pm

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

EDDIE BROWN